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In re Application of  
Hans Hornauer et al  
Application No. 09/184,043  
Filed: November 2, 1998  
Attorney Docket No. P564-8023

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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 24, 2004, and supplemented on July 20, 2005, which is being treated as a Petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned for failure to timely reply to the Office letter of July 1, 2003.

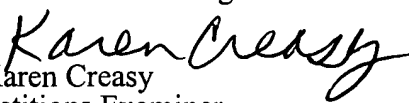
The petition states that a timely reply was received in the USPTO on July 31, 2003. To support this assertion, the petitioner has submitted a copy of the postcard receipt showing the date stamp of July 31, 2003, in the USPTO.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

No fee was charged for the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1641.

  
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